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GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR VETERANS RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO GET BACK PAY

SACRAMENTO – ATTENTION CALIFORNIA'S VETERANS: If you have served in any of the Armed Forces from 11 September 2001 to 30 September 2009, and were involuntarily extended or had your retirement suspended, you are entitled to a retroactive payments of \$500 for each month of extension.

You must <u>HURRY</u> – and apply NO LATER than 21 October 2010 to receive this benefit. To date, <u>ONLY</u> 58,000 out of 145,000 eligible veterans have submitted a claim. If you are one of those service members who is eligible but have not submitted a claim – do so NOW.

"I encourage all of California's eligible veterans to apply today. If you need assistance you can contact your local County Veteran Service Office for help or you can call my staff at (916) 653-2573", said Roger Brautigan Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, "To all Veterans Service Organizations, County Veteran Service Offices and other veteran service providers, we need your help in getting the word out throughout the state so that we can reach as many eligible troops as possible."

Information on how to contact each of the services to begin your claim process is listed below:

Army: Go to https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil or email RetroStopLossPay@CONUS.Army.Mil or call 877-736-5554.

Navy: Go to the following link:

http://www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/MILPERSMAN/7000FinancialMgmt/7220_410.htm or email NXAG_N132C@navy.mil or call 901-874-4427.

Marine Corps: Go to https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/stoploss or email stoploss@usmc.mil or call 877-242-2830.

Air Force: Go to http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss/ or email afpc.dpsos.stoploss@randolph.af.mil or call 800-525-0102.

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